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REGISTERS FOR November 2015

BRAUNSTON

Confirmations November 8th

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Forthcoming meetings

Members of the public are invited to attend the following meetings. Unless indicated meetings are held in the Library at Braunston Village Hall at 7.30pm.

7th Dec Full Council Meeting

4th January Full Council Meeting

All Agendas and Minutes are available on the Braunston Website

Floodlighting 2015 / 2016

November's floodlighting

4th November – Remembering John with love, on his birthday. Hilda & Heather

5th November - Lit for Lily, a loving mum and grandma, forever in our thoughts. Love from all the family x

6th November - * Happy Birthday Pauline. Love Roy

12th November - * Happy Anniversary Mick, with love

December's floodlighting so far ...

1st December - In loving memory of John and Della. Together again. From Sarah

3rd December - * In Loving Memory of Our Mum

6th December - Remembering Judith

7th December - Remembering Sheila Rowley RIP. From all who respected and loved her.

9th December - * Have a happy 70th birthday Jane. What a wonderful Sister you are. Our love, Denise and Peter

12th December – **To celebrate Richard & Linda's Silver Wedding Anniversary**

17th December - Remembering Mum on her birthday and at Christmas. Always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts. Cay and Bill

18th December - * Remembering my dear wife Primrose and sixty-three years of happy marriage

18th December - Remembering Ron Tait- with much love from Helen xx

19th December – Gertie Brinkman – Thinking of you with much love on your birthday and always. Lesley, John, Amelia, Mathew and girls xx

20th December - * In loving memory of Alan, from Gill and family.

23rd December - * The birthday of my late wife Pamela. From Harold, a daughter Sally & son Roger

23rd December - * **Bob and Thelma Cluett's Wedding Anniversary**

24th December - Carl Grant. Birthday memories. Love always, Sharon, Kyle, Siann and families

27th December - * In memory of Philip Hutchinson

29th December - * Remembering Pat & Dave's Wedding Anniversary

30th December - * Peter & Chris Grossart's Wedding Anniversary

31st December - Remembering Mum and Dad with all our love and affection

31st December – Remembering Jackie on her Birthday and at Christmas. Always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts. Cay and Bill

January's floodlighting so far ...

8th January - * Lit by Bryan & Janet Stuart, to Commemorate our son Jonathan

8th January - Cliff Allcott. Five years passed. Sadly missed and loved by his wife, children and grandchildren.

28th January - * Remembering Eric Alsop and Ted and Audrey Flower. Wonderful parents

* = Friends of All Saints – [A huge Thank You](#)



Please take note: - These are all the floodlighting requests received before the BVN Deadline – 20th [November 2015](#)

On tidings of comfort and joy.

On a Sunday two years ago I was in the flow of a service of Communion, blessing the bread and the wine when I glanced up to see the church door open and a man walk in and stand at the centre of the church at the back. He had a shaven head and a full black beard and was carrying a small black rucksack. He looked at me silently down the length of the church. The congregation sat unaware with their heads bowed and as I continued to say the prayer of thanksgiving my heart thudded with fear. (Just weeks after the recent terrorist attacks in Paris I don't need to spell out what I thought I was looking at!) I ploughed on through the liturgy on auto-pilot but all I could think was "What do I say to these people if this man is what he seems to be and these are our last minutes?"



Melodramatic? Undoubtedly but momentarily very real. As it happens the stranger turned out to be Spider. You may remember him. Definitely no terrorist, though no stranger to violence either, he was a one-eyed Hell's Angel who moored his boat here illegally and proceeded to charm, outrage and infuriate villagers and boaters alike. He was maddening and he took everything the church had to offer (with the unfortunate exception of the gospel) but he brought out the best in us and was alarmingly loyal. Once he offered to throw someone in the canal for me after they had criticised me in his hearing (for the record, I declined this tempting offer) and he offered to thank All Saints' by doing a sponsored swim in the cut for us- in a pink bra and knickers- during the historic boat show. It took all my diplomacy to avert that one, I can tell you!

I still wonder what I would have said had he been a terrorist that day. Not much probably. Dead preachers don't talk and long soliloquys are rarely granted outside the film industry. But what I would want to have talked of is a vulnerable little baby born into a world of violence and inequality; of his revelation as a source of hope and healing for the world and for you and me; of his growing up and setting the standard of God's love for us to follow and of his brutal execution for it; And then of his breaking the power of death so that nothing a cross or a gunman or a bomber or cancer or a broken heart can do is the end of us; and of his promise of a new era without tears or pain in which those who hate and threaten and maim and kill have no place. It's the huge story that begins with Christmas and ends with eternity and which gives us resilience against threat even though it doesn't remove it. I'm afraid we may need that resilience more than we care to imagine in the coming months and years.

So every blessing for Christmas and may the news of the baby in the manger and the rumour of angels be a source of comfort and joy in troubled times.
Sarah

NEWS FROM JETTY FIELD.

Thank you to Aubrey Berriman for two, additional gifts for the Pocket Park. Aubrey has given us a stone bird bath and a small willow tree. The bird bath is now in place near the bench he donated some weeks ago and the tree will be located at a suitable place in the main field.

The allotments are now all allocated and there is a waiting list.

Thanks to the generosity of Mandy Brown, the allotments holders will once more be collecting loads of well rotted horse manure from her stables to place on the allotments! We hope to do this on the morning of Saturday 9th January.

Work is in progress to clear some of the wild/conservation area and to make sure that all the young saplings planted there a few years ago have room to grow.

Details of the Saturday work morning in the new year will be placed on our notice board in the next few weeks. **All are welcome to come along and help!**

Braunston Village Hall. Keeping YOU informed.

The car park has been completed and looks good! The committee is very grateful to car owners not parking over-night in the car park. This means that people using the car park when hiring the village hall can do so more easily and parents needing to park there before and after “the school run” can also do so with ease and in safety. The main hall floor has been cleaned and treated so that the surface is less slippery. The trees surrounding the car park and building will be inspected and checked in the next few days. People parking their cars in the car park during the day please be aware!

There are further plans to improve the village hall so that users experience an even better environment. We are always looking for new committee members and local people who can offer their skills and time to undertake improvements.

JENNI'S JOTTINGS

At the beginning of November people started talking about Christmas. Every TV ad was trying to persuade you to order your sofa / carpet/ washing machine to arrive before Christmas? You could probably hear me shrieking "It's too early!!!"

Now I can't wait for November to be over! It has been a pretty lousy month for us. First of all the hob broke and had had to be replaced. Then the boiler threw a hissy fit and had to have a man come to calm it down. Then the oil tank sprung a leak and had to be replaced (thank you to our lovely neighbour for letting us take down two fence panels and for us traipsing across her garden to gain access to our tank). Then Chris cut his finger badly and finally a pan lid fell from the top shelf onto my head! Sounds funny but it really did hurt!! I think someone had it in for us. Seriously though when I watch the news unfolding over the last month my little moans pale into insignificance .

I worry about all the homeless people when I am walking Bramble on these cold and frosty mornings. I know how very lucky I am to live here in Braunston which has to be the most friendly village of anywhere.

I am sorry if the Village Diary pages are not correct but I haven't received any information when clubs etc are closing for the holidays.

There have been a few clashes of events this year. Please if you are planning an event, look at the future events page in the BVN and give me dates as soon as possible.

Nothing left to say to all of you have a fabulous Christmas and I will see you all in the New Year.

Jenni



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6:30pm - 7:15pm

Grade 1 Ballet (9 yrs+)
7:15pm - 7:45pm

Grade 2 Ballet (11 yrs+)
7:45pm - 8:15pm

Adult Ballet (no max age)
8:15pm - 8:55pm

Tuesday

Acting, Performance & Singing (all ages)
5:45pm - 6:45pm

Friday

Gymnastics (all ages)
5:00pm - 5:30pm

Sweet Dance & Modern (8 yrs+)
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Grade 3 Ballet (10 yrs+)
6:30pm - 7:15pm

Grade 4 Ballet (10 yrs+)
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Ward Walkabout

My next ward walkabout is on Sunday 13 December from 2 to 3.30pm along Old Road, the A45 and the marina. I'll deliver my red cards during the week beforehand; please put one in your window on the day if you'd like me to stop.

Cuppa with a Copper

On Thursday 17 December from 10.30-11.30 I'll be the Community Café with Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Julie Jarrett, and PCSO Kev Thompson. Do call by if you have any concerns/questions.

Welfare Reform

Davertry District Council held a briefing for Councillors last week on the government's welfare reform programme. The briefing concluded that the combined result of all the changes would be an increase in the number of families becoming homeless in the District, that it would be harder to collect Council Tax, and that the savings from changes to tax credits would not be realised. George Osborne's Autumn Statement (due on 25th November) will give more clarity on tax credit changes; this is a worrying time for many families. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any queries or concerns on any of these issues and I will do my best to help. Alternatively do make contact with the Citizens Advice Bureau in Daventry on 0844 855 2122.

Play spaces and Skatepark

I'm still hoping that a few more people might come forwards to join the skatepark committee and the group reviewing play spaces in the village. Please do get in touch to find out how you can be involved in making sure our community meets the needs of residents of all ages.

Best wishes for the festive season,
Abigail

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BRAUNSTON ART GROUP

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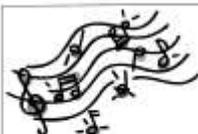
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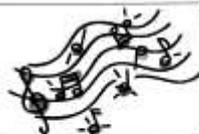
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All Saints' Church

Carol Singing



Carol Singing with Peace at Lunchtime

Wednesday 16th December - 12:30pm - All Saints' Church

Come and join the regular Peace at Lunchtime crew for a light lunch and a cheerful and informal sing of everyone's favourite carols. 12.30 for half an hour of carols followed by lunch and chat with old and new friends of all ages. No charge but donations welcome towards lunch.



Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday 20th December - 6:30pm - All Saints' Church

If you like your carol service very traditional and candlelit this is for you. Nine readings from the bible explaining God's work and purpose in sending Jesus to us interspersed with 9 traditional carols with organ and choir and a number of choir only items. Probably not suitable for very young children or those who like their Christmas's informal.



Crib Service - Christmas Eve

Thursday 24th December - 4pm - All Saints' Church

Energetic nativity fun for everyone and particularly for young children. Small children especially welcome - Why not come as an angel, shepherd, a king, a donkey, a sheep ... Come and join in the Christmas story with singing, costumes, candles, dancing and noise! A real celebration of what Christmas is really about.



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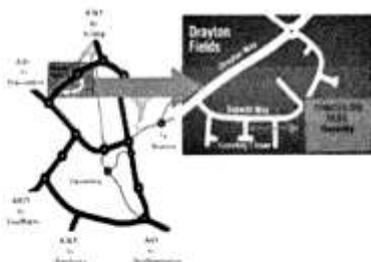
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December and January Events

Thursday 10th December 7.30 to 8.00pm AGM – Village Hall
Everyone is welcome to join us. We will be putting together our calendar of speakers, visits and activities for 2016 and beyond so we look forward to hearing your suggestions.

Thursday 14th January 7.30pm Planning Meeting - Village Hall.
All welcome to join us as we start to discuss events for 2016.

Saturday 16th January 10.00am Community Gardening- Village Hall

We will be weeding the Jubilee garden and getting it ready for the new planting. We will continue to weed and develop the variety of colour on the Triangle.

Hen's eggs – do you have some?

I have received two requests to consider having a class in The Show for hen's eggs. Would you enter this if we included it next year? If you think it could be something you are interested in please either ring me (890340) or contact me via the link on the website.

Photographs or information about shows of the past.

Following the request in October I am delighted to say that we now have evidence that there was a Braunston Flower Show (forerunner of the Braunston Show) as early as 1920. We definitely know that this was still running in 1930. So we just need to fill the gap now between 1931 and 1955. If any of your family members were involved in the gardening group at this time we would love to hear from you.

Please ring Kate Mawer on 890340 or contact me via the link on the website for more details about any of these events.



All Saints' Church Christmas Services 2015



Tuesday 1st December
4pm **Christingle** at All Saints'

Wednesday 16th December

09:30am **School Christmas Service** at All Saints'
12:30pm **Carols and Peace at Lunchtime** at All Saints'
6:30pm **Sad Christmas Reflective Service**

Friday 18th December

7:45pm **Christmas Extravaganza** at All Saints'
(Carols & Christmas Music with City of Coventry Brass)

Sunday 20th December

6:30pm **Nine Lessons and Carols** at All Saints'
Traditional choral service of scripture, carols and music

Thursday 24th December

4pm **Crib Service** - Really Festive and Cheerful
Small Children Especially Welcome - why not come as an angel, shepherd, king, donkey, sheep ...
11:00pm **Christmas Midnight Mass**

Friday Christmas Day 25th December

11:00am **Christmas Family Service** with Communion



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CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS DECEMBER 2015

Day		Time	Event
Tue	1	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
		16:00	Christingle
Wed	2	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	5	17:30	Youth church
Sun	6	09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	11 am Parish Communion Br
		18:30	Evensong - Br
Mon	7	19:00	Sung Compline
Tue	8	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	9	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	12	17:30	Youth church
Sun	13	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Morning Prayer Ash
		11:00	Family Service Br
Tue	15	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	16	09:30	School Christmas Service
		12:30	Peace at lunchtime carols
		18:30	Sad Christmas reflection service
Thu	17	18:00	Carol singing - Ash
Fri	18	19:00	Christmas Extravaganza
Sat	19	17:30	Youth church
Sun	20	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Holy Communion & Junior Church Br
		18:30	Nine lessons and carols
Tue	22	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Thu	24	14:00	Crib service with Christingle - Ash
		16:00	Crib Service
		23:00	Midnight Service -Ash
		23:00	Midnight Service
Fri	25	11:00	Christmas Day Family Communion
Sun	27	10:00	Team Communion at Daventry
		11:00	Quiet Communion Br
Tue	29	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	30	12:30	Peace at lunchtime

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS JANUARY 2016

Day		Time	Event
Sun	3	09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	11 am Parish Communion Br
		18:30	Evensong - Br
Mon	4	19:00	Sung Compline
Tue	5	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
Wed	6	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	9	17:30	Youth church
Sun	10	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Morning Prayer Ash
		11:00	Family Service Br
Tue	12	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
		19:30	Bible Study
Wed	13	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	16	17:30	Youth church
Sun	17	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Holy Communion Ash
		11:00	Holy Communion & Junior Church Br
Tue	19	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
		19:30	Bible study
Wed	20	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	23	17:30	Youth church
Sun	24	08:00	Holy Communion Br
		09:15	Breakfast Service Ash
		11:00	Family Communion Br
		18:00	No Labels Worship
Tue	26	09:00	Morning prayer - Br
		19:30	Bible study
Wed	27	12:30	Peace at lunchtime
Sat	30	17:30	Youth church
Feb	7	11:00	Village Praise celebration of roof!

THE DICK HERNE BRAUNSTON HISTORY SOCIETY.

John Pomfret, a member of our history society and an authority on the canal systems of Great Britain and Europe, gave an excellent talk to a large audience at our recent meeting.

If you would like to join us for the annual Christmas lunch of our history society at the Admiral Nelson on TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER then ring Clive Goodchild (891806) by Friday 4th December AT THE LATEST. It is a very good meal and costs just £13

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We have a very important meeting on Tuesday 19th January at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall library when we are starting to put all the research material together regarding the book that we are hoping to produce about the history of the public houses in Braunston – past and present! If you have any information or photographs, please contact a member of the society or come along to the meeting.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**Faith makes all things possible,
Hope makes all things work,
Love makes all things beautiful,
May you have all three for this Christmas,
Merry Christmas everyone.**

The Royal British Legion **Braunston & District.**

The AGM was held on 10th November. The existing officers and committee were all re-elected. The Rushall Cup was presented to Jack Edwards for his work as standard bearer and for much hard work on behalf of the Branch.

The Remembrance Day Service was well attended. It was pleasing to see so many youngsters in the congregation.

The Poppy collection has not yet been counted and will be reported on in the next issue of the BVN, Thank you to all the collectors and to all for their generous donations.

There will be no monthly luncheon in December and it will be resumed in the new year.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held at the White Horse, Welton, at 8.00pm on 8th December.

The Branch wishes all its members and supporters seasonal greetings and its best wishes for the new year.

Tony Saunderson
Tel. No. 01788 890797

Needle Felting

Needle felting is an absorbing, fascinating and therapeutic hobby enabling you to virtually sculpt in wool. If you have not come across this before please do look on line to see the endless possibilities it offers.

I am wondering whether there are any others in the village interested who would like to meet to exchange ideas and perhaps work on a group project, or even just get together to try it out?

Anyone interested please call me on 01788 890543.

Rosemary Kendall

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS DECEMBER 2015

Tuesday	1 st	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group: 19.30 W.I Party
Wednesday	2 nd	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	3 rd	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Friday	4 th	19.00 Youth Club
Saturday	5 th	10.30 Literary Event in Your Cafe
Monday	7 th	Noon Friendly Club Christmas Lunch
Tuesday	8 th	History Society Christmas Lunch: 13.00 Toddler Group: Beavers :20.00 Royal British Legion at White Horse Welton
Wednesday	9 th	Braunston: Scouts :: 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	10 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo: 19.30 BVGA AGM
Saturday	12 th	Braunston Bakes & Fair :
Monday	14 th	14.00 Friendly Club Mince Pie Tea: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	15 th	13.00 Toddler Group: Beavers :
Wednesday	16 th	20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	17 th	10.30 Abigails' Cuppa with a Copper Your Café: Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Friday	18 th	Youth Club
Saturday	19 th	Cinema Club
Monday	21 st	: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	22 nd	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group:
Wednesday	23 rd	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	24 th	Cubs: 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	28 th	Explorer Scouts

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS JANUARY 2016

Monday	4 th	Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	5 th	13.00 Toddler Group: Beavers :
Wednesday	6 th	Braunston: Scouts :: 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	7 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	11 th	
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Wednesday	13 th	20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	14 th	Cubs : 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:19.30 BVGA Planning Meeting
Saturday	16 th	10 am Community Gardening
Monday	18 th	: Explorer Scouts
Tuesday	19 th	Beavers : 13.00 Toddler Group:
Wednesday	20 th	Scouts : 20.20 Adult Tap Dancing : 19.00 Yoga:
Thursday	21 st	Cubs: 13.45 Short Mat Bowls : 20.00 Fishing Club Bingo:
Monday	25 th	Explorer Scouts
Saturday	30 th	Cinema Club

**BRAUNSTON CHRISTMAS MARKET
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**We will be putting together our calendar of speakers,
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*All Braunston residents have free membership to the
BVGA. We have a BVGA Supporters Group for those who
prefer to avoid meetings!*

Contact Kate Mawer for more details 890340

Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper this year was attended by nearly forty people who enjoyed quiches made by James Wilchen and ham salad from the catering team of Alison, Annette and Barbara followed by many puddings of delightful taste. A big thank you to all who contributed with the provision and serving of the food. The auction of the produce followed the meal with Trevor again teasing the bids higher for each lot sold.

The meal raised £200:00 and the auction made also £200:00 which this year is going to the Red Cross.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way towards the success of the evening and we look forward to next year.

Chris Johnson



Parish Councillor

I am your parish councillor with responsibility for Greenway and the Closes and am also a member of your Neighbourhood Planning team.

I am not a native of Braunston but of another 'ton, Tipton in the industrial West Midlands. As a small child I remember watching the working boats on the canal next to my Grandmother's shop on their way to deliver coal to the wharf. So it took me back to see the historic boats at the show this summer, as it does when I see the two fine Horseley Ironworks bridges which were made in Tipton, every time I walk along the canal.

Anyway now is now and then was then, so why am I a Parish Councillor ? I believe that it's important to take a positive role in the community where you live. It's easy to leave it to others then complain "I don't like what they have done..."

Braunston is a unique village with a valuable heritage of buildings and canals, it would be such a shame to let it become swallowed up in a greater conurbation. Our Neighbourhood plan seeks to preserve what we have, whilst allowing sufficient development to meet our local needs. I would like to thank everyone who responded to the recent consultation, showing their support or offering constructive advice.

Take care and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !

THANK YOU

A big thank you to the Braunston Charities for the lovely card and cash when my daughter was in hospital. It was such a kind gesture.

Mandy and Holly Byrne

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Please note there will be no visit in January 2016



THE MOBILE LIBRARY

**Sorry, no information on the December or
January library visits**

FORTHCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION
December		
5th	Carol Service	Wolfampcote Church
10th	AGM	BVGA
12th	Christmas Fair & Braunston Bakes	
18th	Christmas Extravaganza	All Saints Church
2016		
February		
7th	Songs of Praise Roof Celebration	All Saints Church
March		
12th	Quiz	Twinnors
April		
23rd	Table Top Sale	Twinnors
June		
5th	French Trip	Twinnors
11th	Church Fete	All Saints Church
August		
27th to 29th	Arts & Crafts Festival	All Saints Church
September		
17th	Last Night of the Proms	All Saints Church

A meeting to plan the proposed Braunston Street Party will be held on Thursday 21st January in Your Café at 7.30.

“Many hands make light work”



Braunston Parish Council Bus Users Group

On two occasions recently a bus has been cancelled leaving people waiting and causing inconvenience and missed appointments. We are keeping a record of such incidents. If you are aware of any cancellations please contact one of the following:

Alan Mawer 01788 890340

Barbara Bury 01788 890452

Margaret Hick 01788 890780

We hope to provide shelter for people waiting to travel in the Daventry direction. We believe the most used stop for catching a bus is the one on the north side of The Green. As a result of Stagecoach withdrawing route 10 from Braunston none of the stops served by Daventry-bound buses has a shelter. We know that it will take some time to consult all concerned, get the necessary permissions and organise the completion of the work. So, even though we would like to have a shelter in place for the winter, the earliest this can be done is later in 2016.

The Braunston Twinners Quiz

Held at the Village Hall on Saturday 14th November.

The "Brains of Braunston" this year are the winning team, The Bananagrams. They joined us from Willoughby, Rugby, London and Mexico City!

Hosted by Trines, a great night was had by all. The next Twinners Quiz will be held in the Spring. Could you be the next Brains of Braunston?



Braunston Walkers - Saturday 21st November 2015 - Crick-Winwick (c.9 miles)

For the penultimate walk of 2015 fourteen cold walkers drove to Crick and then set off along the main street to cross the bypass (not shown on my tatty old Ordnance Survey map) and then along a field path slightly uphill to reach the canal. Our path crisscrossed and joined the canal all morning. We turned along the towpath on a sunny day with a keen, biting cold North wind, great walking weather, to reach a footbridge which has small plaques all the way along the top with names of residents of Crick. What a great idea. At the end of the bridge the path led us very steeply uphill (as steep as Offas Dyke but not as long!) to reach the summit of Cracks Hill at a dizzy height of 156 metres above sea level. Fantastic views all around from up there. Ranging from Burrough Hill in Daventry and then over Crick village and over towards Winwick, our next destination. A great spot which I had jokingly called snow clad in my email about the walk after our very wet recce. I was nearly right because at 06.00 on the Saturday morning we had a layer of snow all over Braunston which had all gone by a more respectable 08.00. After getting our breath at the obelisk on top and enjoying the view and sweets courtesy of Nigel and Ronald we ran downhill and over a gate to reach a path that leads down to the canal where we joined the towpath passing the marina. A mile or so along the towpath and we reached a bridge and left the canal along the Yelvertoft road for about 100 yards before we turned left on a gated road, with some very inquisitive cows. This led us back over the meandering canal and past farm buildings at Winwick Grange till we took a footpath off left over ridge and furrow fields to the first of many wonky stiles. Doing what we could to avoid these dangerous and hazardous obstacles we suddenly emerged outside the magnificent Tudor manor house at Winwick, well worth a visit if you have never been there. It is a 16th century house with an imposing arched entrance into the grounds. Standing next to it is the lovely old church of All Angels which we entered. A fascinating old building with lots of interesting history about the small village. Leaving the church we walked alongside the small brook which nestles in the valley and has burst its banks several times in the past. In the old stone shelter which housed an old water pump the stones had been bleached by the flood water up to about 4 feet high and the beautiful old thatched house next door had been raised up on a plinth to avoid the water. We turned left here and then followed the road passing yet another stately home with a curvy brick outer wall that we had used on the recce to shelter from the horizontal rain! No problem this time as we walked in the sunshine over fields to reach a cardiac stopping long track steeply uphill towards West Haddon. We crossed the bypass entered the old village and passed two pubs, reluctantly, to reach the Pytchley for a magnificent pint of Doom Bar and homemade sausage baguettes. Fantastic and sorely needed by then. At this time of year the sun drops fast so the afternoon was spent walking at breakneck speed over muddy fields back towards Crick. After the farm at Silsworth Lodge we passed a wonderful deer park along a narrow path and then along more fields over the Crick canal tunnel back into the village and back to the cars. It was now getting very gloomy and even colder but we were soon home ready for a refreshing and revitalising cuppa!! Our next walk is **December 19th a Christmas Walk.**

Have You Heard?



From December 2015 New Dog Control Powers come into force, meaning you risk a £100 fine if you fail to:

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Braunston Women's Institute



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The entertainment will be provided by the Northamptonshire W.I. Chair.

January 13th – Our meeting today will take place at Platform One in Rugby. We look forward to a delicious meal prepared and served by the students.

Please note this is a Wednesday instead of our normal Tuesday

Contact Barbara 01788 890452

Braunston Friendly Club

Next Meetings:-

December 7th. Our Christmas lunch will be held at the Waterside Restaurant at Draycott Reservoir. Transport will be by DACT bus leaving The Green at 12 noon for a 12.30 meal. Please bring a wrapped Christmas gift.

December 14th Our mince pie tea starting at the earlier time of 2.00. There will be a Bring & Buy stall with a Christmas flavour.

January Meetings – January 11th and 25th, programmes to be arranged.

Both meetings will start at the earlier time 2pm due to short daylight hours.

Gill 890763

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Villagers, dressed warmly and bearing candle lanterns, get together and entertain themselves in a pre-Christmas winter festival. The sight of this ancient church lit purely by hundreds of candles is quite breath-taking both to adults and children alike.

Carols and Christmas songs are interspersed by volunteers reciting either comic or serious poems, monologues and readings and sometimes by a solo instrumentalist. Music is often provided by a folk band, quite in keeping with the ancient pre-organ church tradition.

This informal get-together on 5th December, with singing led by Braunston Singers, is a truly wonderful start to the Christmas festivities and if you have never attended you have missed out on something rare and rather beautiful!

Braunston Canal Society

Over the past 3 months our members have been active in maintaining our adopted section of canal, between the tunnel and the turn.

August was a quiet month, taking into account the volume of traffic on the canal and members availability. The locks were kept painted where practical.

September and October saw bankside work being carried out on the towpath between top lock and the tunnel. This involved cutting back overhanging trees and undergrowth, which removed what was becoming an obstruction to all users of the canal. Work was also carried out on the Stop House Garden.

Late October saw offside bank clearance above lock 1 which involved our members battling with blackthorn to cut overhanging overgrowth which was an obstruction to boaters leaving locks 1 & 2.

November has seen members carrying out work on locks 1-4 edging the stone work and removing grass/weeds from steps and horse ramps. The Island at Braunston Turn was also strimmed for the winter.

December will see planned work to construct steps at lock 6 and further bank clearance.

Volunteers turning out are on average, numbering 6-12, but more are always needed. It's your canal, please help us to keep it looking good.

Happy Christmas to all our members and canal users.

Nick Strivens, Graham Newman and Mike Davis.

THANK YOU

Thank you very much to all who contributed to the handicraft stall at the church's Autumn fair. It was much appreciated as is your continuing support.

Thank you again

Hilary Dunn

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Work continues on our church roof and stonework. The gutter work is almost complete and we are re-slatting all the inner roof slopes which have been disturbed by reforming the lead gutters. This work should avoid any major new roof works for many years to come. However, the recent gales and heavy rain have slowed progress on the roof so it is touch and go whether we will have all the work completed by Christmas. If not, then the construction industry 2 week shutdown over Christmas/ New Year may delay completion, with removal of scaffolding by mid/end January.

The flue of the rebuilt chimney on the boiler house has been cleared out and tested so our heating system is thankfully functioning again. Work on rain-damaged plasterwork and then repainting starts at the end of November.

The Heritage Lottery Fund approved our progress report and they subsequently transferred the next grant payment to our bank account.

A PowerPoint presentation, prepared as part of this project, covering the history of our church and its contents was delivered to the Dick Herne History Society in October. All the new Church Guides have been printed and are now being assembled. Final discussions have been held with our designer on the new Area information Boards and work continues on further developments to the Children's Discovery Trail. Once the scaffolding is removed we will commission the 360 degree video of the church interior to be available on Google.

In anticipation of project completion in January we have set February 7th as the date for our end of project celebration to be held in church. This will be a Songs of Praise event using the same programme as that held by the BBC at Braunston Marina in 1999. See the February BVN for final details.

Braunston Calendar 2016

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Autumn Fair

The annual Church Fair which took place on Saturday 14th November at the Village Hall was surprisingly well attended considering the terrible weather. People were coming in to the hall with coats and brollies dripping wet. Despite the conditions a good deal of money changed hands resulting in a total of £1370 which will go to the running costs of the Church.

The Raffle was won by Alan Cornford with other prize winners: J Harding, J Seeney, J Wood, S Goodchild, J Tennant, K Horsefall, G Powell, L Williams, C Allen, P Hobbs, J Dengerton, C Dunn, M Hick, S Lacey, J Arrowsmith

Very many thanks to all who helped on the day and to those who donated items and of course also to all who braved the weather to attend.

YOUR CAFE TO HOST LITERARY EVENT

There is a new book published in Braunston. Pat and Sybil Herlihy of Mill Close have produced a 250 page book and 300 image CD about the history of southwest Ireland as seen through the eyes of the people of the parish of Ballyvourney in County Cork.

Pat and Sybil will be in Your Cafe to show copies of the work and to talk with visitors from 10.30 - 12.30 on Saturday 5th December. They will sign copies, if required, and can send them to UK addresses and throughout the world. More details are available by email from ballyvourney3501@gmail.com. The main purpose of the day, however is to chat with friends, answer questions and have a cup of coffee in the cafe.

There are some surprises if compared with the standard account: no St Patrick, women taking a major part in bringing Christianity, the Normans beaten by the Irish, Cromwell leaving quickly, huge numbers dead in the famine, many emigrations, those who stayed stubbornly continuing to speak together in Irish. The early Celtic Church is presented in detail [with laymen deeply involved] and there is a sympathetic discussion of what it takes to make an immigrant. Possibly for the first time in local history accounts copies of all the national archived maps and documents relating to the parish are included on the CD.

A MEMORY STAR AT CHRISTMAS?

In this edition of the BVN you will find a card with information about Memory Stars. Each year we make this available to Braunston residents and their friends and relatives. All donations will go towards our church restoration appeal. Just follow the instructions on the card and YOUR star, with YOUR special message, will be placed on a Christmas tree in All Saints’.



Frostys Nature Notes - Dreaming of a white Christmas

I love the snow, the crumpling snow
That hangs on everything,
It covers everything below
Like white dove's brooding wing,
A landscape to the aching sight,
A vast expanse of dazzling light.

Like Northamptonshire's greatest poet, John Clare I love a white Christmas, I love the amazing beauty that a crisp coating of snow brings to our countryside. Sometimes even better are the almost unbelievable beautiful soft ice crystals that form on trees, hedges and other vegetation. This deposit of ice crystals is known as hoar frost. Sometimes it is so thick that it looks like snow only more delicate and lovely.

When I was a boy it was quite normal to have snow every Christmas but one of the worrying features of global warming and climate change is that snow become rarer and rarer here in the Midlands. However our weather is never predictable. Today Meteorologists are suggesting that this winter may be the coldest and snowiest since the notorious 1963 winter which saw rivers and lakes freeze over across Britain and even saw the sea freeze off the Kent coast.

Freak ocean cooling in the Atlantic threatens to trigger a historic, nationwide whiteout this winter. Meteorologists and oceanographers warn plunging ocean temperatures in the Atlantic are at the root of the crisis. Temperatures in the Gulf Stream - the warm ocean current which runs up the east coast of America - have plummeted over the past year.

So will we have a snowy winter? Will Christmas this year be white? If we do it will bring danger and discomfort to the old and frail yet great fun to the young, fit and adventurous. It will also kill off some of the invasive non-native wildlife that has taken advantage of many years of mild winters to establish themselves in our green and pleasant land. A few weeks of snow cover and hard frosts will take their toll on creatures and plants more naturally at home in more moderate climes.

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